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I think that we have some major responsibility of determining what went wrong with 403. I think we know that there were and continue to be major problems with 403 and I think that an indepth examination of the cause of those problems is a proper legislative responsibility and, whether we choose to continue with 403 or go in a direction suggested by Senator Lewis in the future, I think we have some obligation in the present and the past as far as what went wrong with the implementation of 403. That is an obligation of the Legislative branch to examine into the Executive branch when legislation is passed and not fulfilled and I think we should do that in spite of whatever we might eventually conclude as to to continue in the direction of 403, as originally set out, or continue in some other direction but we certainly have the obligation to find out why it didn't work.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I would like to ask Senator Clark and Senator Marvel some questions and I think these are the key ones and I think the membership ought to listen. Senator Clark, are you familiar with Request Bill 832.

SENATOR CLARK: Your new one.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: No, your new one.

SENATOR CLARK: I don't know what it is. It sounds like a bingo number to me.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Is the Appropriations Committee currently drawing up authorization legislation for 403?

SENATOR CLARK: Are we?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes.

SENATOR CLARK: No.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: You have not instructed the staff to draw up a new bill for authorization of special education.

SENATOR CLARK: Oh, yes, we have (inaudible) but we haven't done anything with it yet in Committee.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Is that a Appropriations function to draw up authorization language for special education?

SENATOR CLARK: Well, I don't know what they are doing with it. I haven't even seen it, Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: My question is very simply, are they acting on their own?

SENATOR CLARK: No. No. We told them to draw it up. Senator Marvel did. I didn't.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: You told them to draw up authorization language for special education. Now how does that relate to the Appropriations Committee?

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marvel may answer that. I don't know.